



PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY APPLICATION

The application fee for a PCN is \$860.00.

A letter of determination from the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control indicating that a PCN determination is required from the local jurisdiction for the proposed alcoholic beverage license. In addition to information written below, please submit a written description of the type and nature of the existing and proposed uses for which the alcoholic beverage license is proposed. Include the types of services/products that are to be provided, the hours of business, the number of employees, and any other information pertinent to the determination of whether a PCN will be served by the license.

This space is reserved for County Authorization of PCN:

Please complete and submit/attach the following information for Public Convenience and Necessity (PCN) Application:

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

Applicant's Phone number: _____

Applicant's Email: _____

Premises Address: _____

Assessor Parcel Number(s): _____

Name of Business: _____

Type of Business: _____

Type of ABC license requested: _____

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The alcohol sales are supported by a principally permitted use. Yes No

OR

The alcohol sales are supported by a conditionally permitted use that has been authorized by the County.

Yes No n/a

Use Permit information, if appropriate: _____

The space below is reserved for County Use Only:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Phone #: _____

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Additional Information for Applicants

The State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) will refer applications for certain types of alcoholic beverage licenses to the County for a public convenience or necessity (PCN) determination. The PCN request allows the County to determine whether issuance of a license would result in a public convenience or necessity to the local community. The referral will be made to the Community Development Agency in cases where the ABC finds that there is an undue concentration of similar licenses in the area for which an application for a new license or a license transfer has been made. According to Section 23958.4 of the California Business and Professions Code, an undue concentration exists when the premise for which a license is proposed is located in an area where any of the following conditions exists: (1) the crime reporting district for the area has a 20 percent greater number of reported crimes than the average number of reported crimes for the entire jurisdiction of the local law enforcement agency; or (2) the ratio of licenses in the census tract to the census tract population exceeds the ratio of licenses in the County to the total population of the County.

The County's authority to make PCN determinations is limited to specific types of off-sale licenses (where alcoholic beverages in sealed containers are sold for off-site consumption), such as grocery stores, liquor stores, and take-out-only restaurants, and on-sale licenses (where alcoholic beverages are sold for consumption on the premises), such as bars. The license categories include: (1) Type 20 (off-sale beer and wine); (2) Type 21 (off-sale general); and (3) all on-sale retail licenses EXCEPT Type 43 (on-sale beer and wine for train), Type 44 (on-sale beer and wine for fishing party boat), Type 45 (on-sale beer and wine for boat), Type 46 (on-sale beer and wine for airplane), Type 53 (on-sale general for train and sleeping car); Type 54 (on-sale general for boat), Type 55 (on-sale general for airplane), Type 56 (on-sale general for vessels of more than 1,000 tons burden); and Type 62 (on-sale general bona fide public eating place intermittent dockside license for vessels of more than 15,000 tons of displacement). PCN determinations for applications for all other types of licenses are made by the license applicant. These include applications for a non-retail license, a retail on-sale bona fide eating place license (such as a restaurant), a retail license issued for a hotel, motel, bed and breakfast, or other lodging establishment, and a retail license issued in conjunction with a beer manufacturer's license or a winegrower's license.